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Dear Friends and Supporters:

The return of alumni during the recent Alumni and Family Weekend reinforced the notion that alumni are part of the lifeblood of a college or university and that no institution can expect to thrive without the active engagement of alumni with currently enrolled students and their families and with faculty, staff and prospective students. At no time during the weekend was the engagement of our alumni more impactful than when the Alumni Association Board introduced its new five-year strategic plan.

Developed with the intent to complement our campus’s existing strategic plan, the Alumni Association plan endeavors to engage and enrich alumni and students, promote and advance the interests of Pitt-Bradford and encourage alumni support for Pitt-Bradford’s capital campaign. Association Board members unanimously and enthusiastically embraced the plan, which includes such impressive actions items as continuing the expanding of the Student Alumni Association dinner with a Panther program, in which alumni take students to dinner; creating a job shadowing program for students; establishing a partnership between the Career Networking Luncheon and the Executive Speaker Series; co-hosting alumni at Pitt athletic events; participating in Pitt Advocates and Pitt Day in Harrisburg; and identifying fundraising opportunities for the 50th Anniversary Scholarship.

It didn’t take the association long to begin implementation of the plan. One of the kick-off events for Alumni and Family Weekend was the captivating presentation by alumnus, Doug Kuntz ‘88, who serves as president/CEO of Pennsylvania General Energy. The speech by Doug on career opportunities in the natural gas production industry span a broad range of fields from the more specialized extraction applications to information systems and traditional business fields. Doug’s presentation is prompting students who had previously dismissed the natural gas industry as a career destination to now consider what the natural gas industry might have to offer them.

As we close in on our 50th anniversary and begin to take stock of the impact of our presence in Northwest Pennsylvania, a recent economic and community impact study provides the data that will help us explain the nature of our impact, particularly in terms of our alumni. Although Pitt-Bradford alumni reside in all 50 states, about one-third (or 3,000) of our alumni live in our six-county service region. They occupy positions of authority in some of the largest businesses and organizations in the region and contribute immensely to the economic stability and long-term health and welfare of the region. Doug who leads a major oil and gas producing corporation, is only one of many alumni moving the region forward. I invite you to read about another accomplished alumnus, Sean Barbabella ’92, whose effort to create a mobile trauma unit to quickly treat soldiers wounded in combat is detailed in this issue of Portraits.

Finally, we’re currently upgrading our website and will, in the near future, launch the new site, which will feature exciting new ways to stay in touch with our campus. I hope you’ll stay connected through the website until the next time you visit the campus. As always, I thank you sincerely for your continuing support.

Warmest regards,

Livingston Alexander
President

On the cover
Pitt-Bradford students ham it up for a picture at the Kasuga Grand Shrine in Nara, Japan, part of a three-week trip led by Kristin Asinger, visiting instructor of sports medicine, and hosted by Pitt-Bradford’s sister college in Japan, Yokohama College of Commerce. Pictured are, from front to back, James Segee (kneeling), Nick Swede, Daniel Maldonado, Katie Zapel (kneeling), Asinger, Erica Maclean, Brian Roberts (leaning against pole), Heidi Pappert, Nyssa Brumagin and Megan Truman. For more on the 14-year partnership between Pitt-Bradford and YCC, see page 2.
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Correction
A photo of Theta Delta Sigma in the spring/summer issue of Portraits incorrectly identified one of the sisters. Correctly, the woman shown was Jessica (Fairman) Hill ’04, not Ericka Thomas ’07.
Finding a friend in a big world

Pitt-Bradford’s sister college relationship with a Japanese institution

BY KIMBERLY WEINBERG
Portraits editor

It would have been easy to throw it out – that first odd piece of correspondence from Japan that showed up at Pitt-Bradford in 1993.

Dr. Carol Baker, then dean of academic affairs, was used to the odd requests that came in the mail (email was just coming into vogue) and positively pursued very few of them.

This one was from a professor at Yokohama College of Commerce, Sadao Hashimoto, who wanted to do research and teach at Pitt-Bradford.

"Something about the request piqued my interest," she said. "It somehow seemed sincere, and I confirmed that he was really interested in us (as opposed to mistaking Pitt-Bradford for the campus in Pittsburgh), and he said he could teach a course in Japanese."

Hashimoto arrived that fall, worked on his book "English 30 Days" and taught a class in basic Japanese. He continued to visit, and during these visits, he and Baker began to discuss a closer, more formal, agreement between Pitt-Bradford and his own school, a business college serving about 1,500 students, tucked away on a hillside in Yokohama, the second-largest city in Japan.

Some 14 years after a formal sister college agreement was signed by Pitt-Bradford and YCC in 1998, the relationship between the small college in the wooded mountains of Pennsylvania and its cosmopolitan sibling a world away has matured. Existing at first as a one-way exchange in which Japanese students visited Bradford to improve their English language skills and immerse themselves in the American culture, the relationship now goes both ways. Students and faculty now travel annually between the East and the West with the comfort of a home base on each side of the world.

Several YCC professors have followed Hashimoto to Pitt-Bradford, living in a house on the edge of campus, conducting research and teaching Pitt-Bradford students language, culture and sometimes more.
Finding a friend in a big world

Pitt-Bradford’s sister college relationship with a Japanese institution has come of age.

BY KIMBERLY WEINBERG
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Dr. Gautam Mukerjee, associate professor of economics, learns a Japanese game from Morio Arimoto, right, during one of Pitt-Bradford’s Cultural Festivals.

This spring, Dr. Don Ulin, associate professor of English, was the first Pitt-Bradford professor to teach at YCC, although several had preceded him and conducted research in Japan.

Ulin, who specializes in British literature, had no background in teaching English as a Second Language other than what he had read as preparation. The students’ backgrounds and abilities varied widely – more than he had thought they would.

He taught two classes, conversational English, in which he taught games, songs and simple conversation skills, and literature. Literature was a greater challenge, he said.

Ulin worked with a publisher to find a simple reader and tried to teach works that would incorporate a bit of history and American culture as well as literature, such as Walt Whitman’s elegy for Abraham Lincoln, “Oh Captain, My Captain.”

He eventually came upon a formula in which he sat in a circle with the students and read a paragraph of a story. He would then have a student re-read the paragraph and explain anything the students needed help with.

Having taken much of the semester to develop that method, Ulin said he would love to return to teach at YCC now that he has a better idea of how to best instruct the students there.

While in Japan, Ulin was hosted by Dr. Morio Arimoto who also made his ninth trip to Bradford this summer, escorting a new group of Japanese students in the Summer.
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Arimoto’s first trip to Bradford was in 1999, when, as dean of student affairs for YCC, he traveled with the first group of 14 Japanese students to Pitt-Bradford. Since then, he also has played host to Pitt-Bradford faculty and students as they traveled to YCC for research and to learn about Japanese culture. "There are different kinds of students in the intensive English program," he said of those he has brought to campus. "Some want to improve their English. Some just want to experience America. They are very interested in American culture and life."

Keigo Omura, a business student from Yokohama, came with Arimoto this year on the two-week trip and was clearly interested in American culture. He dressed almost too American – like a parody of a hip-hop video – entirely in black with a snapback hat embroidered in gold, track jacket, T-shirt, large gold cross, long plaid shorts and sports slides with long socks. He says he would like to study English and American culture and the character of Americans.

The Japanese and American students have more in common, however, than a few wardrobe elements and a smattering of English. Although YCC has only three business-related majors to choose from, many of its students live with their families and commute to school and work to help pay for their tuition and their participation in SIEP.

This year brought more interaction between Pitt-Bradford and YCC students to the summer program. Several Pitt-Bradford students who had traveled to Japan in the spring returned to campus to accompany the Japanese students on trips and outings and give them people their own age to communicate with.

The YCC students who come each summer generally arrive in mid-August and spend a week in Bradford, spending time at people’s homes, taking English lessons from Gary Tessmer, assistant professor of composition, visiting Niagara Falls, and enjoying iconic American experiences like shooting at the Bradford Gun Club, whitewater rafting, riding a horse and fishing in a pond. Cheryl Lutz ‘71 and her husband, Rick, host the students for a dinner each year featuring a
smoked meal, bonfire and s’mores (something the students often don’t care for, thinking they’re too sweet).

“It’s very interesting to have them visit,” she said. “It’s fun. They now have Pitt-Bradford students come with them. I observe more than anything else – how they can communicate without having a common language. They just seem to connect. It’s fun to watch.”

The students were also treated to a picnic and swimming at the home of Samila Sosic ’11, who visited Japan on a Pitt-Bradford trip led by Isabelle Champlin during the spring of 2009.

Sosic, Champlin, retired assistant professor of anthropology and director of international studies, and her successor, Kristin Asinger, who is also a visiting instructor of sports medicine, said Arimoto and the other Japanese professors who have come to Pitt-Bradford are generous hosts.

This spring, Asinger took Pitt-Bradford’s largest group of students so far to Japan. Arimoto set up their itinerary and played the part of tour guide.

“My idea is to show them Japanese traditions and also current Japan and let them communicate with Japanese people,” Arimoto said.

The communication, he has found, is key, even if it’s sketchy. When he brings his urbaniate students from Yokohama, visiting New York City is one of the major draws for the trip to America – it is the place they cannot wait to go to.

“They really want to visit New York City,” he said, “but after coming back to Japan, they always say they wanted to spend more time in Bradford. As long as they are in Bradford, they are getting in touch with people and doing things in the outdoors.”

As part of “50 and Beyond: The Campaign for the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford,” the university is raising $500,000 for international travel studies scholarships to help students be able to afford to visit or study abroad. For more information, contact Jill Ballard, executive director of institutional advancement at (814)362-5091 or jballard@pitt.edu.
Animal House

By KIMBERLY WEINBERG
Portraits editor

Pitt-Bradford is full of critters from skunks on the trail to bears in the parking lots, but sometimes they make their way inside

The Cute

"Cuddly" is not really the thought that first comes to mind when one thinks of Bob Ellison ’99, who has spent his years since graduation working for Computing, Telecommunications and Media Services at Pitt-Bradford and who fosters a bit of an aloof, tech-geek persona. But during his time as a student on campus, he harbored a whole litter of baby bunnies under his bed.

"I had two rabbits I kept under my bed," he said. "One day the female jumped out of the pen when I opened it to feed her. She immediately gave birth to nine babies on my comforter. I had 11 rabbits in my room for quite some time until they were old enough to transport home. I had weight equipment in my room, too, so my housemates thought it was just me clanging weights around when the rabbits would stomp in their cage."

The Weird

While researching an old housing photo, we spoke with Robin Robinson ’73-'75, who we thought was the person in the photo. Alas, he was not, but he told us a great story about Mike Flinko ’72-'75, who Robinson believed was in the photo.

"Mike Flinko was the guy who caught a fly in mid-flight, tied it to the end of a hair strand of my then-girlfriend, Ruth (who had hair down to her behind), and thumbtacked the other end to a wooden table," he told us. "We spent a whole hour laughing as the fly flew around in a circle 'til it died of frustration and humiliation.

"Another time, Mike showed up at my apartment standing in the door. He was wearing a light jacket, and we were chatting while I sat on the sofa eating a newly bought hero sandwich from a local pizza joint. Ever so casually, Mike slowly unzipped his jacket to reveal a dead rat hanging from a piece of string around his neck, then proceeded to chase me around the room with it."

When we tracked Flinko down in the Pittsburgh area, he couldn’t confirm the stories, but he didn’t deny them either.
The Scary

This story comes to us from Jay Monti, Pitt-Bradford’s first dean of men during the days when students lived in the former Emery Hotel at the head of Main Street. There was not much to do at the fledgling university, and the students could get a little wild finding fun on Main Street.

One winter, a group of male students pooled their money, went down to the pet shop on Pine Street and bought a 4-foot-long iguana.

“The boys had spent a lot of money to buy this iguana,” Monti said. “They must have spent close to $100. I think they didn’t just plan this thing overnight. I think they had seen this iguana in the window for a long time.”

That night, after the female students had returned to their assigned floors (5, 6 and 7), Monti got a call from Mary Florence Taylor, dean of women, who lived with the female students. Monti lived with the male students on floors 2, 3 and 4.

“Mary Florence called and was going crazy because she had heard that the boys were trying to get the girls to open the door on five,” he said. Monti discerned which side of the building the boys were on and began to sneak up the other side to come up behind the boys.

“As I’m between four and five, I heard this gigundous ‘swish,’” he said. “As I looked down the landing, there was this iguana that must have been four feet long.” The swish sound was made by the lizard whipping its long tail across the concrete.

“It scared the heck out of me,” he said, but he cornered it and captured it in a garbage can. He took it to the basement and called a friend who taught biology. She told him to feed it lettuce, and a few weeks later, he drove it to Altoona, Pa., where it lived out the rest of its days in her biology classroom. He told no one.

“The boys thought they were going to get the biggest thrill out of hearing all those girls scream when they opened the door,” he said. The boys would not get their satisfaction, but Monti would.

The girls never saw the iguana, but the story of the loose lizard circulated through the building.

“Everybody in the building was going nuts because they thought the iguana was loose,” he said. “The girls were really leery about opening any doors, and the guys were a little bit edgy, too.”

Monti, of course, had nothing to fear.
An article by Dr. Vaughn Bicehouse, assistant professor of education, “The Portraiture of Nick: Scene one the Early Years,” was published in the Journal of Case Studies in Education. The portraiture is a case study of an autistic boy and his mother. Portraiture provides a holistic view of a subject that other studies often do not. He also presented the paper at the Academic and Business Research Institute in Orlando, Fla. He also presented ‘Leaving Sam Behind: The Need for Dedicated Special Education Teachers’ at the Chute Institute Conference.

Dr. Jessica Blackburn, assistant professor of English, made a presentation, “Digital-Appalachia: Rural Ethos, Online Discourse, and Cyber-frontiers” at the 2012 Appalachian Studies Association Conference at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Earlier she made a presentation at the 2012 Conference of Digital Collaboration in the Academy and Beyond at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. She also led a two-day composition workshop at Seton Hill University and will serve as guest editor of a forthcoming special issue of Across the Disciplines. Blackburn teaches courses in composition, rhetoric, literature, digital media and feminist theory and texts. She joined the faculty in 2010.

Dr. Carys Evans-Corrales, professor of Spanish, worked with students in her Elementary Spanish I class to test new software from Vista Higher Learning. She was also invited to serve as co-editor of a Galician language edition of Metamorphoses, an academic journal published by Smith College that focuses on literary translation. Finally, Evans-Corrales’s translation of “Leopardo Son,” a book of Galician poetry by Pilar Pallarés, has been accepted for publication by Small Stations Press.

Dr. Kevin Evert

Handbooks: Shakespeare’s Contemporaries. The new volumes are on “The Changeling,” “The White Devil”, and “Tis a Pity She’s a Whore.” Evert also published a review of “Sleep No More” in the Special Theatre Review Section: Text/Performance/Memory of the spring issue of Shakespeare Bulletin. Finally, Evert presented a paper titled ‘Reading Performance: Shakes and Not Shakes’ at the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America in Boston and a paper called ‘No Longer on Speaking Terms: Shakespearean Performance Fatigue’ at the invitation-only Shakespeare International Conference in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

Following the retirement of Trisha Morris as director of the Hanley Library, Marietta Frank has been named the interim director and instruction librarian. She received the 2010 University Library System Faculty Excellence Award. Frank holds a Master of Arts degree in children’s literature from Hollins University and a Master of Library Science degree from the State University College at Geneseo (NY).

Dr. S.N. Gajanan, associate professor of economics, presented two invited lectures, “Ethics and Food Security” at the Institute of Economic Education and “Development Economics With an Attitude” at the University of Madras in Chennai, India, where he also conducted data entry and a preliminary statistical analysis for ongoing research to calculate the benefit of vaccinating against the debilitating illness chickungunya.

Dr. Tony Gaskew, associate professor of criminal justice, presented a paper titled “The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Program: Silver Bullet or Smoke and Mirrors in the War on Drugs” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2012 Conference in New York City.

Jeff Guterman, associate professor of communications, moderated a panel titled ‘Administrators’ Roundtable: Your Turn — The Challenges of the New Department Chair’ at the Broadcast Education Association Convention in Las Vegas.

An essay by Judy Hopkins ’71–’73, an adjunct writing instructor, appeared in skirt! magazine. In the essay, “Parting Gift,” she reminisces about a past love with a penchant for trivia and appearing on game shows.

Dr. Rick Knott, assistant professor of health and physical education, presented a paper titled “Rose Revisited: An Examination of the Pete Rose Baseball Scandal After More Than 20 Years” at the North American Society for Sport History convention at the University of California, Berkeley.


Dr. Ron Mattis, associate professor of engineering, traveled to Aix-on-Provence, France, where he presented a paper titled “Enhancing the Associate Degree with Independent Study Courses” at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences conference. Dr. Hashim Yousif, professor of physics, was co-author.

An essay by Dr. Nancy McCabe, associate professor of writing, was named a Notable Essay of 2012 by Best American Essays (the fifth time she’s been included on the list) and for the first time as a Notable Work of 2012 by Best American Nonrequired Reading. The essay, “Threads,” was published last fall in Prairie Schooner. McCabe also published several works this summer, gave readings and signings promoting her new book, “Crossing the Blue Willow Bridge,” and continued research for her forthcoming book, “Medium-Sized House on the Prairie: A Memoir About Imaginative Heroines and Literary Landscapes.”

Carol Newman, an adjunct writing instructor, took three awards at the 2012 Chautauqua Literary Arts Awards, including the Hauser Award for Fiction with her story “Pens.” She also earned a second place in the adult poetry category for her poem “Retrospection” and an honorable mention for her poem “If a hen Runs Into Your House.”
Dr. Stephen Robar, associate professor of political science, has become the new associate dean of academic affairs. Previously, he was the chairman of the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences. He is the director of the environmental studies program and directs the “Perspectives on the Environment” seminar series and has served as both president and vice president of the Faculty Senate.

He holds a doctorate in political science and environmental policy from Northern Arizona University and was the recipient of the Pitt-Bradford Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award in 2010.

A book co-edited by Dr. William R. Schumann III, “Governing Cultures: Anthropological Perspectives on Political Power, Labor, and Government” was published by Palgrave Macmillan. The book, co-edited by Kendra Couter, an assistant professor at Brock University, focuses on government from an anthropological perspective. Schumann is an assistant professor of anthropology.

He has also been the director of the Pitt-Bradford Freshman Seminar, taking over from Dr. Mark Kelley ’03, instructor of sport and exercise science. Freshman seminar began several years ago as a way to assist new students with the transition into a college lifestyle. Freshman seminar is a required course for all freshmen at Pitt-Bradford, and a wide variety of topics are offered as part of the program.

Dr. Om Singh, assistant professor of biology, is the editor of a new book on extremophiles, microorganisms that survive under extreme conditions, “Extremophiles: Sustainable Resources and Biotechnological Implications.”

He has also recently published an article in Extremophiles journal with another accepted for publication in Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry.

This term he has developed a new course in biology, Immunology.

An article by Dr. Jean Truman, assistant professor of nursing, “Identifying Predictors of National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) Success in an Associate Degree Nursing Program,” appeared in the September publication of the International Journal of Applied Science and Technology.

Dr. D. Reece Wilson, assistant professor of education, made a poster presentation on how students comprehend science material depending on what genre of writing is used to explain it at the National Academy for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning in Dublin, Ireland, in June.

Dr. Klaus Wuerzig, assistant professor of engineering, presented a paper, “Selection of Appropriate Programming Languages for Engineering Applications,” at the International Conference of Engineering Education in Turku, Finland.

Tim Ziaukas was promoted to full professor. He is director of the public relations program and teaches public relations, journalism and visual communications courses. He has been teaching at Pitt-Bradford since 1994 and serves as the advisor for The Source, the student newspaper on campus. Ziaukas enjoys writing and teaching about pop culture and is an active volunteer with the Bradford Creative and Performing Arts Center, which brings cultural offerings to Bradford.

He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative non-fiction and a Master of Arts in literature from the University of Pittsburgh.

Laurel Retzer Phillips ’06 has been named director of human resources, overseeing human resources and payroll. Previously, she was manager of human resources, and Linda Delaney oversaw payroll.

Phillips earned her Bachelor of Science in sociology from Pitt-Bradford, where she has also worked for 25 years. Before working in human resources and payroll, she worked in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Ann Robinson has been named the new director of sponsored programs, taking over the duties of Linda DeLaney ’06 who retired at the end of the June.

Most recently, Robinson served as the director of the Business Resource Center in Continuing Education and Regional Development, and she has been with Pitt-Bradford since 2002.

In her new role, Robinson will maintain responsibility for generalist pre- and post-award duties to facilitate submissions of proposals, post-award accounting of sponsored projects and ensure compliance with accounting principles, federal and sponsor regulations, and university policies and procedures.

Tim Sneeringer joined the Pitt-Bradford staff as director of aquatics, intramurals and recreation. Sneeringer comes to Pitt-Bradford from Pitt- Titusville, where he was the director of athletics and student union. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts degree in secondary school counseling from Edinboro University. He takes the place of Mick McMillan, who retired at the end of June.

Dan Songer, director of campus police and safety, has been chosen by the Pitt-Bradford Staff Association for its 2012 Staff Association Award.

Tonya Ackley, coordinator of community engagement, and Margot Myers, manager of Trio Student Support Services, nominated Songer.

“Chief Songer goes out of his way to ensure the campus’ safety and well-being,” Myers wrote in her nomination. “He leads, by example, a team that provides protection, safety and overall well-being to the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in a respectful, effective and amazing manner.”

Nicole Stark is assuming the position of director of student health services, taking the place of Bonnie McMillen, who will remain on campus as a part-time nurse.

Stark is a registered nurse and holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va. She began working as the part-time nurse at Pitt-Bradford in 2007 and has also worked as a home health nurse for the McKeon County Visiting Nurse Association.
Saturday night was capped off with romantic fireworks.

Kristy Zavinski ’07 was honored during Alumni and Family Weekend for her career at Pitt-Bradford playing softball and golf. She was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame by Head Softball Coach Tina Phillips.

Ashley Young, a broadcast communications major from Philadelphia, takes a spin on the mechanical bull during the Block Party.

Doug Kuntz ’88, president and chief executive officer of Pennsylvania General Energy, spoke at the Career Luncheon/Executive Speaker Series for students, faculty, staff and alumni Friday afternoon.

Dr. Tony Gaskew, left, associate professor of criminal justice, talks with Tim Woughter ’10 during the awards brunch held the Saturday morning of Alumni and Family Weekend. Gaskew was being honored by the PBAA with its Teaching Excellence Award.

Alyssa McQuirns, a history-political science major from North Wales, Pa., and a family member take time to pose with a dressed up Panther during the Saturday night reception.

Dr. Marvin Thomas, professor of history, leads a conga line on the Friday night of Alumni and Family Weekend followed by Dr. Lisa Fiorentino, assistant professor of nursing, and Dr. Helene Lawson, professor of sociology.

Bobby Wyant ’06, second from left, goofs off with teammates, from left, Eric Haynoski ’04, Andy Carlson ’06 and Dave Brown ’04 at the Athletic Hall of Fame brunch, where he was inducted for his baseball career.

Photos by Alan Hancock ’07
Dear Pitt-Bradford Friends and Supporters,

For the past seven years, I have had the great honor of serving Pitt-Bradford as chairman of the Advisory Board. During the last seven years, much has been accomplished at Pitt-Bradford with the strong leadership of President Livingston Alexander, the ongoing great job of Pitt-Bradford’s faculty and staff and the continued support that members of the Pitt-Bradford Advisory Board give. It is because of all these people and their support that Pitt-Bradford continues to achieve great things.

As we come up on our 50th year, it is appropriate to reflect on just who and what Pitt-Bradford has become. I would like to give a little information on the Pitt-Bradford campus and the impact it has on the region we serve. The Bradford campus was founded in 1963 and currently offers 40 majors, several pre-professional programs and hosts two University of Pittsburgh graduate programs, the Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Social Work. Pitt-Bradford enrolls 1,600 students with 900 students living on an active residential campus.

The most popular majors are business management, nursing, education, criminal justice and biology. In addition to a core curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences, Pitt-Bradford offers several professional programs, including accounting, broadcast communications, computer information systems and technology, hospitality management and petroleum technology. Many students take advantage of internships or research opportunities owing to the number of partnerships Pitt-Bradford has with area businesses and industries, which helps prepare those students for the workforce and enhances their employment opportunities.

The Bradford campus, which comprises 24 buildings, is on 317 acres nestled at the foothills of Pennsylvania’s Allegheny Mountains. Pitt-Bradford serves a six-county region that includes McKean, Elk, Potter, Cameron, Warren and Forest counties, which is about the size of Connecticut. Pitt-Bradford has been listed among the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the North by U.S. News and World Report in its ‘America’s Best Colleges’ publication and was named to the list of “Best Colleges in the Northeastern Region” by The Princeton Review. It also was recently named one of 150 “Best Value Colleges” in America by The Princeton Review.

Pitt-Bradford has successfully recruited students from 48 counties in Pennsylvania, including the urban centers of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, as well as from 24 other states and 13 foreign countries. This allows for a diverse student population that lends itself to enriching the lives of all students. When students graduate, a majority find employment in their chosen field or enroll in a prestigious graduate or professional school. Many find a career in our region of Pennsylvania, allowing them to contribute directly to the local economy and the betterment of their respective communities. The largest regional employers of Pitt-Bradford graduates are Bradford Regional Medical Center, Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems, Pitt-Bradford, Bradford Area School District and American Refining Group.

This leads us to realize what a tremendous opportunity the University of Pittsburgh is offering a very rural portion of our state. In the region that Pitt-Bradford serves, there are no other four-year colleges. Without the ongoing commitment of the University of Pittsburgh to this region, many students might never have an opportunity for a college education, and our regional employers would not have the access to an educated workforce.

Pitt-Bradford will continue to be a major force in this region because of the dedication of faculty, staff, alumni, friends and supporters to excellence of education and commitment to our students. With this support, Pitt-Bradford can continue to offer the highest-quality college education available.

Craig A. Hartburg ’73–’75
Chairman of the Pitt-Bradford Advisory Board
The past year can literally be characterized as a year of affirmations. A significant portion of our time and effort during the year was devoted to preparation for our reaffirmation of accreditation review. The agency that accredits the University of Pittsburgh and its four regional campuses is The Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The accreditation on-site review at Pitt-Bradford occurred on April 13. The visit was part of the overall review of the University of Pittsburgh, and the report on our campus was extremely favorable. According to the Middle States review team, "There exists a culture of planning and accountability. Faculty members are readily engaged in student advisement and have a strong sense of community. They are positive with regard to the administration and the transparency of academic planning processes, and faculty morale is very positive."

The report continued, "Students express a strong sense of community to the campus, feel that the campus culture is intimate and caring, and appreciate campus facilities and infrastructure. The Team was impressed with the extremely positive leadership and energy that seems to pervade the culture of these unique campuses."

Another independent affirmation of the quality of our institution came from The Princeton Review in February. We’d certainly grown accustomed to citations by national publications that rank us each year among the top baccalaureate institutions in the North or Northeast. However, no one expected the one accorded us this past year. Pitt-Bradford was one of two public institutions in Pennsylvania named to the list of 150 “Best Value Colleges.” The other public college: The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Campus. That recognition reaffirms our long-held conviction that we offer the highest-quality student experience at a reasonable cost. We were again recognized by The Princeton Review as one of the best baccalaureate colleges in the North for the eighth year in a row.

During the past year, we finally implemented a strategic initiative that had been in our strategic plan for several years. We engaged the University of Pittsburgh’s University Center for Social and Urban Research to conduct an economic and community impact study. The remarkable findings produced by this study confirm that Pitt-Bradford’s contribution to its service region is massive in scope and profound in its impact. The most significant result is that the total economic impact of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford for McKean County and a four-county region of North Central Pennsylvania was $67.5 million in 2011. This economic activity produced a total of 740 jobs.

An economic impact study conducted this spring called Pitt-Bradford an “anchor institution” of the region, citing scholarly engagement and the presentation of artistic events; community economic development; lifelong education and human capacity building; and proliferation of community partnerships. Shown here is a presentation of “Henry and Mudge,” part of the Kaleidoscope matinee arts series for schools.
University expenditures, salaries paid to faculty and staff and student spending have multiplier effects throughout the region. The report explains how this economic impact is distributed across many sectors of the economy in the region. The effects are concentrated in local enterprises such as banking and business support services, legal services, the hospitality industry, retail establishments, real estate, health-care facilities and practitioners and taxes to local municipalities.

Yet another interesting result from the study was that from 2001 through 2010, capital project expenditures on the Pitt-Bradford campus averaged more than $6.3 million annually. Among the campus facilities completed, expanded or renovated during that time period were Blaisdell Hall, Frame-Westerberg Commons, Sport and Fitness Center, Reed-Coit House, Howard L. Fesenmyer House, Swarts Hall, Fisher Hall, Sarah B. Dorn House and Harriett B. Wick Chapel.

In a dramatic statement about the role Pitt-Bradford plays in the community, the economic and community impact study characterizes the college as an ‘anchor institution,’ i.e., an organization that creates the conditions that improve the quality of life of residents in a community. Four areas of community activity define Pitt-Bradford’s role as an anchor institution. These areas include scholarly engagement and presentation of artistic events, community economic development, lifelong education and human capacity building, and proliferation of community partnerships.

Perhaps the single most important affirmation of the quality of our work as stewards of the university is the impact we have on students. For the third year in a row, we graduated a record number of students, with many finding work in the region and others gaining acceptance in such prestigious graduate and professional schools as Johns Hopkins University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh and Syracuse University, among many others.

To ensure that we’re able to continue to provide the highest-quality education at an affordable price, we launched the public phase of our S0 and Beyond capital campaign. We gratefully acknowledged the support we’d received thus far as we announced that $10.2 million of the $17.5 million capital campaign goal had already been raised. The campaign priorities are:

- Scholarships, including endowed, labor and international travel scholarships -- $6.5 million
- Capital Projects, including the Harriett B. Wick Chapel, the Kessel Athletic Complex, Swarts Hall, the Sarah B. Dorn Schantz Pipe Organ and the Marilyn Horne Archive -- $6.5 million
- Academics, including the Arts, the American Refining Group/Harry R. Halloran Jr. Energy Institute, Hospitality Management and Broadcast Communications -- $2.6 million
- Technology Endowment -- $550,000
- Athletics Endowment -- $25,000
- Annual Giving -- $1,325,000

As in previous years, the participation in the capital campaign by our constituent groups was
In March, Pitt-Bradford launched a $17.5 million capital campaign, “50 and Beyond: The Campaign for the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.” Shown here celebrating are, from left, Kaitlin Zapel ’12, Daniel Robinson, a broadcast communications major from Gifford, Pa., and Liz Tillman, a human relations minor from Appleton, N.Y.

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impressive: The Pitt-Bradford Advisory Board participated at 100 percent for the seventh consecutive year; the Pitt-Bradford Alumni Association Board at 100 percent for the 15th consecutive year; the faculty and staff participated at a remarkable 55 percent. This is well above the national average and demonstrates the dedication, loyalty and commitment our employees have to the institution.

Some of our most promising quantitative results came as a result of our participation in nationally normed standardized exams. To measure our goal of maximizing student satisfaction with classroom learning, we examined student responses to selected items on the National Survey of Student Engagement, and both our freshmen and seniors rated their experience above the mean for our comparison group. Additionally, both freshmen and seniors gave us scores above our comparison group for our supportive campus environment, concrete evidence that we are living our brand promise to be a safe and friendly institution in which students earn a world-renowned degree in a personalized environment.

We are making significant progress in the area of creating a diverse community. In 2012 the total percentage of underrepresented minority students rose to 15.5 percent. Additionally, our students are increasingly participating in study abroad and exchange programs, just as our international student population continues to increase.

To be successful, colleges must excel in a number of areas. The campus must be appealing and attractive. The faculty and academic programs must be strong, innovative, relevant and rigorous in order to recruit and retain serious, academically focused students. The institution must communicate its identity effectively through a myriad of channels to establish its reputation and promote its programs. Finally, all of this work happens in a context and depends on mutually beneficial relationships with friends in the region, in local, county and state government, in business and industry, in nonprofits and across all sectors of our region.

The conclusion we draw from reviewing our work during the past year is that we continue to make a significant impact in the lives of students and on the economic growth of our service region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As we continue to make plans to celebrate our 50th anniversary, we do so with full confidence that we can meet any and all challenges to our long-term health and viability as an institution of higher education.
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  Endowed scholarships: $5 million
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Pitt-Bradford has established the Founders’ Society to recognize alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made a commitment to the college through a planned gift to the Bradford Educational Foundation. In making these gifts, Founders’ Society members are ensuring that Pitt-Bradford will have the financial resources to provide educational opportunities well into the future.

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The PBAA honored Danielle Munksgard ’08 during Alumni and Family Weekend as its Distinguished Volunteer. Munksgard was nominated by outgoing PBAA president Chris Luke ’94, left. Also shown is incoming PBAA president Chris Napoleon ’87-'88, right. (Photo by Alan Hancock ’07)

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Labor scholarships will give students a chance to work for their education

As part of the 50 and Beyond capital campaign, Pitt-Bradford is seeking to raise $6.5 million for scholarships. A portion of that, $1 million, is earmarked for a program started in 2009 by Dr. Livingston Alexander, president, and his wife, Evelyn. The Livingston and Evelyn Alexander Presidential Labor Scholarship Fund provides opportunities for students to work on campus or in the community as part of a cooperative agreement with local employers.

The average debt incurred by Pitt-Bradford graduates is $21,695, and by providing jobs, the university can reduce the debt burdens students carry beyond graduation.

“When students contribute personally to the cost of their college education, they tend to take their studies more seriously and more often persist to graduation,” Alexander said. “I learned this from personal experience and feel that an appreciation for the value of work and personal responsibility are important attributes to develop in our students.”

Unlike traditional work-study jobs, money earned through labor scholarships would be applied directly against a student’s account, explained Melissa Ibañez, director of financial aid.

Some students already work to help pay their tuition. “All of the money I make at the library goes toward tuition,” said freshman Paige Potter of Bradford who works shelving books, waiting on patrons and cleaning up at Hanley Library. Potter said that she feels an obligation to help her parents, especially since she has two younger sisters at home, both of whom have had cancer, which has been a financial strain on the family.

Until recently, Potter worked an off-campus job at Little Caesar’s pizza in order to earn spending money, but it was too demanding to work two jobs and keep up with her studies.

“Sometimes, even having one job is stressful,” she said, but she appreciates that on-campus jobs are better able to accommodate her academic schedule, allowing her to make time to study for a test, for example.

Danielle Erdley, a junior biology major from Northumberland, Pa., has the first labor scholarship on campus with the Office of Community Engagement. She meets twice each week with director Tonya Ackley, who has put her in charge of coordinating events for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November.

Erdley said that the benefits she is receiving are more than monetary, although “the money is extremely appreciated.” The project is giving her a chance to hone her organizational and leadership skills.

Future labor scholarships could include general work on campus or partnerships with outside groups designed to give students work experience in their field as well as help with tuition.

For more information on labor scholarships or how to contribute to the Presidential Labor Scholarship Fund, contact Jill Ballard, executive director of institutional advancement, at (814) 362-5091 or jballard@pitt.edu.
Pitt-Bradford provides unique arts offerings to region

There may be only one place in North Central Pennsylvania where arts lovers can find ballet and bluegrass, poetry and puppets, storybooks and Steinbeck: Pitt-Bradford.

Pitt-Bradford considers essential the arts it provides to the region through its Prism performance series, Spectrum curriculum-based arts events and Kaleidoscope matinee series for children.

As part of its 50 and Beyond Campaign, Pitt-Bradford has set a goal of $600,000 to bring its arts endowment up to $1 million. The additional funds will allow Pitt-Bradford to provide more programming, keep ticket prices low and keep up with advances in digital technology.

Ashifa Bhayani, and her husband, Dr. Shabir Bhayani, and Mary Huber and her husband, Greg, are supporters of the arts at Pitt-Bradford.

“Music and arts are so enriching, so therapeutic and so joyful,” said Ashifa Bhayani, who attends nearly all Pitt-Bradford productions. “Experiencing the depth of emotion expressed in great works of art and music enriches our life and strengthens our soul.”

Mary Huber, who purchased a Buy a Seat for the Arts in honor of her mother, is also enthusiastic about the arts.

“If you go, you can’t help but enjoy it,” she said. “It’s so enlightening and so enjoyable. There’s nothing like it.”

Huber said she particularly likes to see the involvement of school children through Kaleidoscope.

Started more than five years ago, Kaleidoscope has offered more than 15,000 discounted tickets to productions ranging from storybooks come to life to interactive science to history- and culture-based musicals and classic works of drama. Children have attended from McKean, Elk, Cameron, Potter, Warren, Forest and Cattaraugus (NY) counties.

Bhayani said she and her husband enjoy the diverse programs offered, including the Spectrum Series, which features visual, literary and performing artists chosen by the arts faculty with an emphasis on academic and curriculum-based events and activities. Spectrum has been providing events for free or little cost to arts patrons for more than 20 years.

For more information on contributing to the arts endowment, contact Jill Ballard, executive director of institutional advancement at (814)362-5091 or jballard@pitt.edu.

To receive a brochure for the 2012-13 arts season at Pitt-Bradford, contact Patty Colosimo, coordinator of arts programming at (814)362-5115 or colosimo@pitt.edu.
When emergency medicine physician Cmdr. Sean Barbabella ’92 agreed to make an unscheduled deployment to Afghanistan in 2009 with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, he was determined to use his experience to improve the health care provided to service members both during and after combat.

“Taking care of the Marines was phenomenal,” Barbabella said, “because they’re the ones out there doing the work for our country. My goal was to be a supporting asset to take care of them.”

But Barbabella did more than that. The innovative research and developments he implemented in 2009, and expanded upon as the division surgeon in 2011-12, changed the face of battlefield medicine and earned him some of the most prestigious awards the military has to offer.

He received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation with Combat Valor for his service in 2009, and the Legion of Merit award for exceptional service as division surgeon during his 2011-12 tour, and he said they are the proudest moments of his military career.

He received both decorations from Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Craparotta, who was the commanding general of the 2nd Marine Division, and under whom Barbabella served.

Sean Barbabella on duty in Afghanistan, where he operated in the Helmand province.

“It is very unusual for a doctor to receive the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation with Combat Valor,” said Barbabella, who credited those around him for the honor. “The Marines noticed what I was doing, and the leadership put me in for that award because I was taking care of guys in combat situations, getting shot at by insurgents while the Marines were shooting back. You do what you need to do because they take care of you when you’re out in the field, so you take care of them.”

Part of the care Barbabella was able to provide in 2009 came as a result of his crucial role in designing the Mobile Trauma Bay, a vehicle equipped to provide critical care resuscitation immediately to Marines and sailors injured on the battlefield. Barbabella’s predecessor realized that severely wounded Marines could not survive the wait time during a firefight before being taken to a surgeon, motivating him to repurpose a 7-ton truck with a box on the back to transport injured patients. The second generation Mobile Trauma Bay, created by Barbabella, was armored and fully equipped for resuscitation, complete with an emergency doctor, critical care nurse and corpsmen.

“I could do anything that could be done in an emergency room, from an emergency airway and putting them on ventilators to giving blood. That was the most important part, especially for double-amputees. We had heat to prevent them from getting hypothermia and could provide blood and other advanced trauma procedures within 10 minutes, which prevented them from dying. We could go out right in the middle of the fight, with bullets flying around, and the survival rate of getting these guys from the battlefield back to a surgeon was 100 percent.”
Birdsboro, Pa., native Cmdr. Sean Barbabella ’92, the recent division surgeon for 2nd Marine Division (Forward), shakes hands with Marines and sailors who attended his Legion of Merit presentation ceremony April 5. Barbabella received the Legion of Merit, one of the military’s highest awards, for his accomplishments during a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.
(Marine photo by Cpl. Jeff Drew)

This is the mobile trauma Barbabella helped develop. This innovative care system offers near-immediate emergency-room level care to casualties in the field.

Sean Barbabella poses with his family as he received the Legion of Merit April 5 for his outstanding service in Afghanistan. Barbabella led more than 40 medical officers, 20 physician assistants, 30 independent duty corpsmen and 700 corpsmen during his yearlong deployment with the unit in Helmand province. Shown with Barbabella are, from left, his father, Vincent M. Barbabella Sr.; Brig. Gen. Lewis Craprarotta; his wife, Stacey; and his twin sons.
(Marine photo by Cpl. Jeff Drew)
C oaches always stress the importance of performing well on and off the field, and at Pitt-Bradford, it is no different.

However, the strong commitment to ‘off the field’ for the university’s student-athletes is unparalleled. Generally the blanket statement is reserved for academics, but the Panthers take it one step further: philanthropy.

Each year, the department internally stresses the importance of giving back to the community through several avenues. In the last year alone, Panther athletics has totaled more than 2,600 hours of community service. With 14 sports teams and more than 200 student-athletes, that breaks down to an average of nearly 11 hours per Panther.

The 2,600 hours are 500 more than the next closest school in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, which highlighted the league’s community service work during NCAA Division III Week last spring. In addition, the athletics department has raised more than $1,000 for several local and national charities and initiatives.

For all its efforts, the athletics department was recognized nationally last January. Pitt-Bradford received the Jostens Community Service Overall Winner Award from the National Association of Division III Athletics for its longstanding relationship with the CARE for Children program and other service projects.

The awards program is co-sponsored by the NADIIAA and Jostens and is intended to recognize the many contributions Division III student-athletes regularly make to their campuses and local communities.

The award was presented to Lori Mazza, director of athletics, at the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis.

“To have accepted this award on behalf of our student-athletes was a privilege,” Mazza said. “There are so many accomplishments that our athletes are recognized for, however, many times community service is overlooked.”

In 2001, then-head women’s basketball coach Daly Ann Fuller approached CARE for Children with the idea of collaborating on an adaptive basketball camp to give children with motor and learning deficiencies the opportunity to play basketball. The initial camp had 20 participants. Now, 10 years later, the basketball mini-camp has grown to more than 100 participants, who learn how to dribble, pass and shoot from the coaches and players.

‘Although we do an array of projects with the Bradford community, our ongoing relationship with CARE is one we are very proud to be a part of,’ Mazza said. “To be recognized by our peers within all of Division III for our community service was truly a testament to the quality of student-athletes we have at Pitt-Bradford.”

Since then, the Care for Pitt-Bradford clinics has grown to include all 14 athletic teams. The relationship between the athletic department and the organization has evolved into something greater than expected.

“The Pitt Bradford-CARE for Children collaboration is not just between the university and a nonprofit organization,” said Tina Martin, executive director of CARE for Children. “It is truly a meeting of the minds and hearts of the children of all abilities that CARE provides therapy services for and the student-athletes who volunteer to mentor, teach, help and play with these incredible children during events on and off campus.”

Head women’s soccer coach Mike Idland put the responsibility of setting up his team’s clinic with CARE for Children on the players.

“I have the players contact CARE’s directors and organize the whole event themselves, so they take ownership of the event,” Idland said. “It is a great team builder and a very rewarding experience for the players, coaches, parents and – most importantly – the kids.”

The outreach doesn’t stop with Care for Children, though. Pitt-Bradford student-athletes have immersed themselves within the community, taking part in several different outreach programs.

Last fall, the entire athletic department participated in a bowling day with the local Special Olympics chapter. More than 75 student-athletes participated, enjoying a day of bowling and camaraderie. The swimming team also hosted and assisted in coaching the Special Olympics swim
feeding the hungry and fighting cancer

squad and plans to do so again this year.

Both soccer teams and women’s basketball assisted with the recent local Habitat for Humanity House effort in Bradford. Members of each team took part in all phases of construction--installing siding, insulation and venting ducts.

The volleyball and basketball teams help out on the national level, participating in the Dig Pink and Coaches vs. Cancer initiatives.

The volleyball squad donates its gate fees to Dig Pink and leaves out volleyballs to collect donations from fans. The players warm up in pink T-shirts and prior to the match recognize anyone in attendance who has breast cancer or even beaten it. For senior Maggie Johnson, philanthropy work is rewarding.

“The Dig Pink initiative has been extremely important to the volleyball team in recent years because it gives us a chance to feel like what we are doing on the court may give someone some hope,” Johnson said.

For the basketball teams, coaches leave their penny loafers in the locker room and exchange them out with a pair of sneakers. Again, players dress in pink warm-ups and collect donations prior to each game. The men’s team also took part in The Friendship Table, serving meals to the less fortunate. Senior Jesse DeLoof believes that helping out is important in more ways than one.

“Taking part in community service makes me feel fortunate that I can give back and help others, and doing community service definitely brings the team together,” DeLoof said. “Working the Bradford soup line last year was a bonding experience for the team.”

The list seems endless. The baseball team has been assisting with Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems for 14 years -- first the Halloween party and in recent years the Santa Claus House. Last year all the men’s teams participated in the local Senior Citizens SNO-Ball at The Pavilion at BRMC, showing off their dancing skills. The women’s tennis squad chipped in with the Pennsylvania highway clean-up project, and every team has helped serve food at The Friendship Table at one point or another.

The students fuel many of the efforts and for Student-Athlete Advisory Committee president Dani Zeamer, community service is an example of how a little help can go a long way.

“I think it is our way of giving back,” Zeamer said. “We are showing that we care and are supportive and appreciative of our community and the people in it. It’s also such a great feeling to help others.

“Whether it’s little kids who think the world of us or building a house for a stranger knowing you’re giving someone a new place they can call home … it shows you how little things like giving a few hours of your time go a long way.”

For many of the student-athletes at Pitt-Bradford, giving back to the community is very personal because they are from the surrounding area. For those individuals not from here, the university is such an integral part of the Bradford community that nine months out of the year they become as much of a resident as those who call this place home.

By that token, Pitt-Bradford student-athletes understand the responsibility they have within the community, and it’s something they will carry with them beyond their playing or academic careers. Giving back only seems natural. It’s an extension of who they are as people, taking pride in their community and making it better for others.

With the school year already under way, teams have begun to organize their community service efforts while others have already started.

New year, same story. It’s back to business for Pitt-Bradford student-athletes. Both on and off the field.
The '60s

Neil Newton '64-'66 works for Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals Corp. in Houston. He lives in Pearland, Texas.

Albert Harris '66-'68 is senior project manager for The University of Chicago Medical Center. He lives in Naperville, Ill.

Jane Mountain-Black Tamburro '66-'68 has retired after 33 years of teaching high school Spanish. "I wanted to thank Pitt-Bradford for giving me the great opportunity to fulfill my professional dream of teaching," she wrote. She taught 11 years each at School Street Junior High School in Bradford, Alief High School in Houston, and West Port High School in Ocala, Fla.

The '70s

William Conner '72-'74 is vice president of Bronder Technical Services. He lives in Pittsburgh.

Ronald Hakim '72-'73 works with GlobalQuest Group in Texas. He lives in Houston.

Lawrence Olson '72-'73 is chairman of the psychology department at Ohio Christian University in Circleville, Ohio, where he lives.

Michael Misechok '76-'78 is vice president of information risk management at BNY Mellon. He lives in Pittsburgh.

Ivy Diggs-Washington '79 is the director of programs for Everywoman Opportunity Center. She lives in Buffalo, NY.

The '80s

Debra (Bimber) Rathbun '81-'83 is a mineral resources technician for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. She lives in Livonia, NY.

Michael Gordon of '84-'85 is a financial adviser for Morgan Stanley. He lives in Pittsburgh.

Greg Merkle '85 works with FSC Securities Corp. in Williamsonville, N.Y. He lives in East Aurora, NY.

Michael Werick '89 is chief information officer for Cinetic Landis Corp. He lives in Greencastle, Pa.

The '90s

William Elmquist '91 is an assistant program manager for Georgia Public Broadcasting in Atlanta.

Bruce Thompson '91 works for E-Safe Technologies in Pittsburgh. He lives in Canonsburg, Pa.

Edward Curtis '92 is a police officer with Lower Allen Township. He lives in Etters, Pa.

Leslie (Glasl) Lafferty '93 is a senior paralegal and office marketing coordinator. She lives in Pittsburgh.

Scott McCallister '93 is a remarketing manager for Enterprise Fleet Management in Radnor, Pa. He lives in Aston, Pa.

Joseph Castagnino '94 accepted a new position as senior sales engineer at Level 3 Communications in Pittsburgh. He lives in Cranberry Township, Pa.

Richard Jarrett '94 is creative services producer for NewsChannel 9 WSYR in Syracuse, NY. He lives in Liverpool, NY.

Chris Luke '94 is vice president and director of marketing and communications for Fifth Third Bank. He lives in McMurray, Pa.

Troy Danileson '95 is a division finance manager with The Sherwin Williams Co. He lives in Medina, Ohio.

Peter Emborsky '95 works in sales at Quality Roofing Supply in Lebanon, Pa. He lives in Jostown, Pa.


Mark Weinberg '97 is a senior recruiter with ABB Inc. in Raleigh, N.C.

Justin Yaldosky '97 is an owner/agent for AMT Insurance Services in Tunkhannock, Pa. He lives in Factoryville, Pa.

The '00s

Adam Cioffi '00 is a teacher in the New York City Department of Education. He lives in Hawley, Pa.

Nicole Middlebrough '00 is a support coordinator at The Guidance Center in Bradford, where she lives.

Kevin Miller '00 is an information technology manager for Toll Brothers. He lives in Warminster, Pa.

James Pasinski '00 works for Time Warner Cable – Northeast Region. He lives in Buffalo, NY.


Shawn Murray '01 works in institutional advancement at Pitt-Bradford and has started a photography business, Shawn Murray Photography. He and his wife, Lauren, live in Bradford with their sons Evan and Owen.

Ronald Smith '02 teaches 7th grade American Studies in Bradford at Fretz Middle School, where he is also head football coach. He has continued his education and earned a Master of Education from Gannon University and a principal’s certification. In addition, he has mentored two Pitt-Bradford student teachers. Ron and his wife live in Kane, Pa.

Nick Wolosewicz '02 is a production manager for Allegheny Surface Technology in Lewis Run, Pa. He and his wife, Brooke (Sample) Wolosewicz, live in Smethport, Pa.

Justin Demiter '04 is a financial analyst and fiber supply specialist with International Paper Co. in Georgetown, S.C. He lives in Newport News, Va.

Donald Kemick '04 is the president and owner of protocol 80, Inc., in Bradford, where he works with his brother, David Kemick '10.

Peter Langan '04 is assistant station manager for Bagport America LLC in Philadelphia. He lives in Ridley Park, Pa.

Adrian Byler '05 is a nurse at UPMC Hamot. She lives in Erie, Pa.

William Folk '05 is director of community relations for the Schuylkill United Way in Pottsville, Pa. He lives in New Ringgold, Pa.
Capt. Holly (Ishman) Archer ’04, ’06 has received the U.S. Army Cadet Command Award of Excellence as the top brigade nurse counselor for 2012. Archer, who was commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps through the ROTC program at St. Bonaventure University, is the brigade nurse counselor for Cadet Command’s 4th Brigade, headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C. The brigade area of responsibility covers all 38 Army ROTC programs in the states of Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Megan Bollinger ’06 is a community health instructor with Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, Pa. She lives in Kreamer, Pa.

Kacie Lynne Fischer ’06 married Jered Scott Lindsey in July at the couple’s home in Midway, Fla. She is a former parent educator and child development specialist with the Leon County Schools Teenage Parent Program and is currently a stay-at-home mom.

Sherri Kwence ’06 is an emergency room nurse practitioner. She lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Ryan Hoglund ’07 is a case manager specialist for Cigna Healthcare in Pittsburgh. He lives in Canonsburg, Pa.

Bryce Martin ’07 is a senior programmer for National Ticket Co. He lives in West Milton, Pa.

Winnie Rajakumar ’07 is a financial and portfolio adviser for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc. He lives in Pittsburgh.

Kristy Zavinsky ’07 is a registered nurse at WCA Hospital in Jamestown, NY. She lives in Warren, Pa.

Laura Gomez-Martin ’08 is a third-year law student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. In June, she received the Pitt Law Alumni Association Board’s tuition scholarship. Since graduating from Pitt-Bradford, she also graduated from Pitt’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs with a degree in Security and Intelligence Studies.

Ashtin Moyer ’08 works for Pricewaterhouse Coopers. She lives in Pittsburgh.


Valerie (Donohue) Detweiler ’09 and her husband welcomed a new little Panther, Conner, who was born Nov. 6, 2011.

Sarah Lorya ’10 was honored with The New School Senior Vice President for Student Services Alma Mater Award.

Megan Fetterman ’11 has started working on her thesis and is on track to graduate from Bloomsburg University with a master’s degree in exercise science in Spring 2013.

Jacob Loree ’11 is a process engineer for Superior Tire and Rubber Corp. He lives in Warren, Pa.

Lyndon Orinion ’11 is web manager at Wesley Theological Seminary. “I’m so grateful to the CIST program for all the knowledge I’m currently using in my position,” he wrote. Lyndon presented at Backpack to Briefcase in January and is now taking improv thanks to inspiration from the Pitt Improvers. He lives in Washington, D.C.

In Memoriam

Dale Alan Ostrander ’78–’80 died as the result of an accident in May. He was a respiratory therapist at Kane (Pa.) Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Kristine, and son, Mitchell.
I loved the ’80s! Back then I was enjoying multiple aspects of campus living (even though we only had Swarts and Fisher Hall and the Commons buildings). Music videos were new, rap was emerging as a music staple and “The Cosby Show” really was “must see TV” (I was a little Heathcliff Huxtable myself, complete with my own little Clair – anyone remember her?)

In the spring of 1987, the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford held its annual graduation ceremony. Among the new graduates was Philadelphia native Richard Kenyatta Ford. Although I was allowed to walk across the stage, I had only completed 114 of the required 120 credits to actually be awarded my Bachelor of Arts degree in computer science. The courses I needed were not offered in the summer term. So after the pomp and circumstance, I returned home to Philly to seek employment.

Shortly thereafter, I started working two jobs. I did that for about a year and had little time for anything else – especially not completing college courses. As with most new grads, neither of those first jobs was to become my career. In 1989, I landed a role at SmithKline Beckman as a payroll processing clerk. My plan was to stay in payroll for five years or fewer since I wanted to work in the computer science field. I never would have guessed the impact of accepting that role.

Usher in the ’90s, and the digital age was upon us. Beepers, pagers (not cell phones) and the World Wide Web (no Facebook)! Around this time, I enrolled in night courses at Saint Joseph’s University to complete those missing six credit hours. However, with a steady job in Corporate America, pregnant with our second child when I was informed my job was being outsourced to an offshore service provider. The outsourcing project would take two years to complete. So in May 2008 – almost 19 years from my original date of hire – I was released. By God’s Grace, I used my severance to move my family out of the city into a relaxed suburb of Raleigh, N.C. (I had grown to appreciate Southern life during my numerous business trips to the area.)

It had been nearly 20 years since I needed a résumé or interviewed for a job! Also, it was a terrible time to be seeking employment since the country was in an economic recession. Additionally, this was the MySpace and Facebook era. Information could be instantly accessed, and if you were lucky enough to get an interview, a background check was your cyber gateway to acceptance or rejection.

By the 2010s, I had worked a few temp assignments but not yet found steady work. One day a recruiter contacted me for a “virtual” Kronos implementation specialist role. He determined I was a strong candidate, but he had issues with
Richard K. Ford, center and stylin’ in his ‘80s-esque Members Only jacket, hangs out with Timothy “Babyface” Cindrich ’88 and James “Animal” Stys.

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my education background check. He was not convinced I earned my college degree as stated on my résumé.

Thank God that Pitt-Bradford still has people -- not an automated system -- manning the Registrar’s Office. A few transcript scans and emails later, my six St. Joseph’s credits were applied to the 114 I earned 25 years earlier. I was going to complete my degree! Diplomas cannot be backdated, so in the Spring of 2012, the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford held its annual graduation ceremony. Among the new graduates was North Carolina resident Richard Kenyatta Ford earning his B.A. in Computer Science.

Not a bad story, right? God continues to bless! Today I am still married to Charisee, my lovely wife of 12 years and mother of our three children, Richard Quentin (10), Ciara Merci (6) and the “North Carolina surprise,” Ryan Kenyatta (2). For the record, I did get that job and my current title is functional project lead implementing Kronos for General Electric businesses in a virtual role. My office is in my bedroom … got to love a seven-second commute! A special “Thank you” goes to Pitt-Bradford employees Christina Marrone and Lindsay Retchless ’98 for your help in my securing this position.

Richard K. Ford does not “do” Facebook but can be emailed at richardkford@yahoo.com. He would love to hear from all fellow alumni, especially anyone who remembers the Rubik’s Cube or when Robert Downey Jr. starred in classics like “Weird Science” and “Less Than Zero” not as “Sherlock Holmes” or “Iron Man.”
UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

T.E. Hanley: A Local Man with a World View                  Feb. 7-March 8
“The Murder of Fledglings” lecture by Dr. Marvin Thomas      April 9
DePue Brothers Band                                          April 18
Commencement                                                April 28

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